

## Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes November 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mike Marston.

**Recharter –IMPORTANT –Recharter forms must be returned by next Monday's meeting.** Sharon Marston will be at the meeting to collect them. If you have lost your form please contact Sharon as soon as possible to get a new form. Also as part of re-charter and to be active in the troop, all adults are required to take Youth Protection Training (YPT) every two years. Your YPT has to be valid to be re-chartered with the troop. If yours is expired you will be dropped from our roster (so we don't lose our charter) and you will have to fill out all the paperwork again. Please reference the email sent last week from Mike Marston with the names of those who must update their YPT before our recharter forms are due. Please contact Sharon with any questions at [mik-shar@swbell.net](mailto:mik-shar@swbell.net)

**Fall Camp** – Currently 21 scouts and four adults are signed up to attend Fall camp at Lost Bayou, LA. Campers will be departing on Friday, Nov. 20 at 4 pm and will return on Wednesday, Nov. 26. David Colling will be the SMIC for this campout. We are waiting on word about whether the camp will have walled tents available for the campers. If not, scouts will need to bring their own tents. If the walled tents are available scouts will need to bring a cot. They may also bring cots for their personal tents if their tent size allows. Mr. Colling noted to be prepared for cool/ possible wet weather and that each scout should have waterproof boots, as well as another pair of shoes. Please visit the Troop 870 website for a recommended packing list if you're not sure what to bring. Scouts should have registered for their preferred merit badge classes. Mr. McGehee noted that the first session Horsemanship class is actually only available to Venture Scouts so if you need to make a change please let him know. Also, he reminded those who have signed up for Photography that they must bring a regular camera, cell-phone cameras are not acceptable for this class.

**2016 Summer Camp** – The Scouts have decided to attend Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch <http://buffalotrailbsa.org/btsr/> in West Texas from July 17-23. In past years when attending this camp, the troop has traveled on Amtrak to Alpine, TX and then travelled about 2 more hours by van to reach the camp. The train schedule/costs are being researched, but it looks like Scouts would be leaving Houston on the 16<sup>th</sup> and would arrive back in Houston on the 24<sup>th</sup> if taking the train.

**Flag Fundraiser** –Veterans Day Flag holiday is our last flag service for the year. Flags will be put out on Sunday, Nov. 8 and brought back in on Saturday, November 14. Remember that each Scout must participate in two holiday flag distributions. So, if your son has not already completed two holidays this year, he must help out this time.

**Upcoming Eagle Project** – Ries Klein's Eagle project is scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 7. Scouts should be at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 7:30am to get started. Please bring gloves, shovel and wheelbarrow if you have one. Look for an email from Reis this week with more information.

**Troop T-Shirts** – New troop t-shirts will be available for sale at next week's meeting. These are Class B shirts, Dri-Fit material. Cost is \$15. There will also be limited selections of shirts with previous designs available.

**Service Project** – Scouts may volunteer at the upcoming Reindeer Run at the St. John's Methodist Hospital on December 5. Scouts will help with the setup and cleanup of the race, and are invited to participate in the race as well. Please look for an email with signup information soon.

**SPL Update Reed Blanchard** – Reed noted that the troop's theme for November is Cycling. The troop will be covering aspects of cycling skills, road and biking safety this month, as well as preparing for the fall campout. The following are patrol assignments for November: Service -Alligator; Skills – Scorpion; Games – Phoenix; Requirements – Eagle. The troop is tentatively planning for a bike ride to the Battleship Texas on November 28<sup>th</sup>, but the outing has yet to be finalized as of now. Also, the Scouts are having an Ultimate Frisbee tournament this Saturday from 2-4 at Taylor Lake Village Park. All are invited to come have fun, please bring \$5 for pizza and drinks if you wish to have lunch. Email Reed @[trblanchard00@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trblanchard00@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP.

### **Calendar**

**Saturday Nov. 7 - Ries Klein's Eagle Project @ Gloria Dei Church**

**Monday, Nov. 9 – Troop Meeting**

**Monday, Nov. 16 – Troop Meeting**

**Friday, Nov. 20 – Fall Camp Departure**

**Monday, Nov. 23 – No Meeting (Thanksgiving Week Holidays)**

**Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Fall Camp Return**

**Monday, Nov. 30 – Troop Meeting**

**Saturday, December 5 - St. John Methodist – Reindeer Run**

**Monday, Dec. 7 – Troop Meeting**

**Monday – Dec. 14 – NO Troop Meeting**

**Thursday, Dec. 17 – Troop Holiday Meeting /Seafarer Box Drive/ Rama Hana-Kwanz-Mas Party**

**DEC 26-31 – NYLT Winter session. To attend must be First Class and 13 years old**

**Adjourned at 7:50 pm**

**Suzanne Sambell**

**Troop 870 Secretary**

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